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From left: Kayla Hunter, 14, mother Laura with baby Brent, father Jim, daughter Allison and twins Patrick and Blake play in the family's Paulding County backyard on Friday.

'A big wakeup call'

Shaken parents crack down, check up on teens

By PAUL KAPLAN
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Jim Hunter expected a fun atmosphere for kids when he went to pick up his 14-year-old daughter Kayla at a recent "teen night" at a Cobb County nightspot.

When he got inside, he could barely move. It was packed, and dark. Children were making out in the back.

Emily Wyatt, 14, died in a wreck two weeks ago. Her mother thought she was somewhere else.

Twelve-year-old girls were on top of boxes, bumping and grinding. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Hunter said. "It was like a 'Girls Gone Wild' video."

Then, two weeks ago, a group of teenagers crashed in Sandy Springs, killing two and severely injuring a third. One of the dead was 14-year-old Emily Wyatt, who had told her mother she was spending the night at a friend's house — exactly the sort of trick that Jim and Laura Hunter suspected their own 14-year-old of trying to pull.

That did it. "It was a big wakeup call," Laura said, adding that the Hunters have "pulled the reins in" on their daughter. Now, when she says she's going to stay at a friend's house, her parents call to confirm. When they take her to a party or a movie, they go inside for a look instead of just

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Pride events inform, inspire

Black gays hail encouragement of fight for rights

By RICHARD L. ELDREDGE
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The hot pink flier taped to a wall in the lobby of the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta at Colony Square on Saturday afternoon quietly symbolized the weekend's mission statement for the city's 2004 Black Gay Pride.

On the flier was a 1950s photograph of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his adviser Bayard Rustin at the Montgomery bus boycott. Below it, the words "Stand Up and Be Counted!"

Rustin has gone down in civil rights history as the orchestrator of King's 1963 March on Washington. But privately, the pacifist fought within the black community for his rights as a gay African-American.

For Pride attendee Dante McCommon, that struggle continues.

"For me, this weekend is all about empowerment, education and family," said McCommon, an Atlantan. "In the workplace, especially as an African-American woman, it's difficult to self-identify as homosexual. If you do that and you're working for the wrong guy, you're gone. And we have no protection under

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➤ Thousands enjoy R&B, hip-hop and jazz at Soulfest Atlanta 2004.

JESSICA MCGOWAN / Special

Activist Craig Washington discusses gay marriage at a Black Gay Pride seminar at the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta at Colony Square on Saturday.

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Lanier County High does a lot of make-do, such as buying Florida-orange lockers at a discount in Jacksonville and repainting them Georgia-red.

EDUCATION GAP

Lakeland lacks what Atlantans expect

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Lakeland — For three years, the kiln in the art room of teacher Deborah Raines was a depressing symbol of the type of education that rural schools like hers could afford to provide.

After years of longing, Raines fought for and finally obtained $2,200 for a kiln in the Lanier County school budget, only to discover the wiring in its combo middle-high school couldn't get the barrel-sized oven hot enough.

So, for want of $1,500, Raines and her students had to wait three more years for new wiring so the kiln could reach its full potential — a second firing at 1,800 degrees that could deliver a finished glaze.

In isolation, not having ceramics in an art program is not a big deal. But consider that the county's only high school also has no chorus, orchestra or drama program. Middle-schoolers get no arts at all. The school offers just a

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Creating pots in a ceramics class at Lanier County High School in Lakeland are (from left) Jenna Tillman, 19, Mackinzie Gardner, 17, and Brooke Mathis, 15.

BIG TAX, LITTLE TAX

Lanier County and other rural school systems often struggle to raise local tax dollars for schools because property values are lower. A comparison of the Lanier County and Decatur city school systems shows the differences:

Lanier County	Decatur City
➤ Enrollment: 1,300	➤ Enrollment: 2,453
➤ School millage: $17.16	➤ School millage: $23.13
➤ Value of 1 mill: $85,938	➤ Value of 1 mill: $611,011
➤ Spending per pupil: $6,289	➤ State and local spending per pupil: $10,958
➤ Student poverty: 69 percent	➤ Student poverty: 38 percent
➤ Graduates entering Georgia public colleges: 22 percent	➤ Graduates entering Georgia public colleges: 35 percent

Notes: The school millage is the amount of tax applied to every $1,000 of property value to generate local funding for schools. Comparisons are for the 2001-02 school year. Spending per pupil represents state and local dollars.

Source: Georgia Department of Education

Rural districts to sue state

By JAMES SALZER
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An impending lawsuit claiming that the state fails to fund its rural schools adequately aims to help a region of Georgia that has been loath to tax its own residents to improve education.

The outcome of the legal battle could be costly for metro Atlantans, who already pay based on some of the highest tax rates in Georgia.

Virtually every rural school district in Georgia has a lower tax rate than the ones in metro Atlanta. But they will be suing the state as early as this week because, they argue, they cannot educate their children properly under the current state funding system.

Most metro Atlanta systems have tax rates near or above 20 mills, or $20 per $1,000 worth of property value. As of last school year, more than 80

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Baptist pastor makes leap of faith in Duluth

By BILL OSINSKI
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The message is still old-time religion, but the medium is new millennium.

On a recent Sunday at the new Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, the preacher wore a lime-green knit shirt. The music was Christian rock, heavy on drums and guitars. The young people were off in another building, listening to the Word in a coffeehouse-style room that could double as a "Friends" set.

The Rev. James Merritt started Cross Pointe out of a desire to reach out to "unchurched" people uncomfortable in a traditional church setting.

In his sermon, the preacher quoted the same Bible he's always used. But now as he spoke, the text of the passage popped up on a large screen.

"It's not your mother's Oldsmobile," the Rev. James Merritt told a visitor.

What Cross Pointe is, though, is the successful first-stage landing of Merritt's multimillion-dollar leap of faith. The first Sunday he preached in the new church, Merritt told the congregation, "You're looking at a dream come true."

The dream began about a year and a half ago, when Merritt, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, left a thriving church, First Baptist Snellville, to create the new church from an abandoned collection of warehouses and office buildings.

Next Sunday, Cross Pointe will celebrate its grand opening.

The external face of the services will be in keeping with Merritt's desire to reach out to "unchurched" people, who are not comfortable in a traditional church setting. For example, the choir won't be in traditional long robes; instead, they'll wear nonuniform casual dress. The ushers are more likely to wear knit shirts with a Cross Pointe logo than suits.

The grand opening will be the culmination of a process Merritt has called "the Lazarus deal."

The 71-acre tract not far from the Gwinnett Center complex was, Merritt thought, ideal for the ministry he envisioned. His dream, he said, was to build a church where the faithful would be energized and the unchurched would feel welcome.

However, the original $23 million asking price for the property was well out of his reach. Even when the price came down to $9 million, it was still too high.

Merritt said he had two options: give up or pray. He chose the latter, he said, asking God to broker the deal, if that was his will. Then a group of businessmen, including some friends of Merritt's, bought the land and donated it anonymously to the church.

The congregation of the new church has been meeting in the gyms of two Duluth area high schools. About 500 people attended in those first weeks, and about 200 of those were people who had attended the Snellville church, Merritt said. Attendance has grown steadily, and the "soft opening" on Sundays at the new church has averaged about 1,600, he said.

The new church can seat 1,600. It was formerly a warehouse, but the open, high-ceilinged space was relatively easily converted into a sanctuary, Merritt said. State-of-the-art sound and lighting systems were installed.

Within a few years, Merritt said, construction will begin on a permanent worship center for Cross Pointe. It will have space for 6,000 worshippers. Its 125-foot steeple, topped by a cross, will be visible from nearby I-85.

THE VENT

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After seeing Bush speak in NYC, Kerry should just give up and save the money we raised for someone else to run in '08.

Bush called it "swagger." Texans call it "All hat, no cattle."

The poor already have their trust fund. It's called the lottery.

Bill Clinton admitted to hospital? Wow, he finally admitted to something!

To all you teacher-bashers saying we should take the SAT. I've got news for you: We already did. How do you think we got to go to college in the first place? You may remove your foot from your mouth now.

UGA's Michael Adams is teaching political strategy? Dooley noted.

DOT does show a profit. The tolls collected on Ga. 400 have more than paid for the construction of that road. The excess is profit.

That giant sucking noise you hear is all the insurance companies pulling out of Florida.

Just wait until your kids are killed in Iraq, then we'll see who will be protesting this war.

Way to give 'em hell, Zell! Thanks for doing the right thing and going with your conscience instead of your party. You are a true patriot.

As a lesbian, the biggest problem I have with Mary Cheney is her Dobie Gillis-era hairstyle.

I told my 10-year-old grandson that the dot over an "i" was called a "tittle." When he told his teacher that, he was given timeout for the rest of the class.

Zell seems like a bantam rooster looking for a fight.

They've discovered a gene that makes a male loyal to his mate. And all along I thought it was something called "alimony."

Isn't it ironic that Bush created his personal war and then touts himself as a "wartime president."

The loud squeal we hear coming from the Kerry camp is the Democrats trying to make a silk purse out of a pig's ear.

Kerry this and Bush that. Shut up and vote. Your ridiculous, uneducated statements explain Georgia's low test scores.

Every time I see the Democrats' donkey, it reminds me of a dumb ass.

If your partner is a dog, you're covered at Home Depot.

I see they want a NASCAR museum in Atlanta. And they say you can't find culture in Georgia.

Ted Kennedy got really excited watching the Republican convention, especially when the delegates kept chanting, "Four more beers."

Bill Clinton now has an excuse to not campaign for Kerry. "Bypass" has multiple meanings.

Wake up, CNN. If you want to shore up your hemorrhaging viewership, quit being a mouthpiece for the Dems.

Thanks, AJC. My dog Duke went out to fetch the paper and got one look at that front page picture of Laura Bush and ran off like a scalded dog. He ain't come back yet.

Republican convention: A huge gathering of white folks looking for what the government can give them through tax giveaways and corporate welfare.

Q&A

Do you have a question about the news? Colin Bessonette will try to get an answer. Call 404-222-2002 or e-mail q&a@ajc.com (include your name and city).

Q: It has been reported that Peter Lewis and Stephen Bing have contributed millions of dollars to Democratic-leaning 527 groups such as MoveOn.org. Who are these men, and how much have they given to these 527s?

— **Robert Sullivan, Canton**

A: Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio, is board chairman of Progressive Insurance Corp. According to the Center for Public Integrity, since August 2000 these were his contributions to 527 committees: Joint Victory Campaign 2004, $7,750,000; America Coming Together (nonfederal account), $2,995,000; MoveOn.org Voter Fund, $2.5 million; Marijuana Policy Project Political Fund, $630,000; Young Democrats of America, $450,000; Punk Voter Inc., $50,000.

Bing, of Los Angeles, is a producer and head of Shangri-La Entertainment Corp. These were his contributions to 527 committees since August 2000, according to the Center for Public Integrity: Joint Victory Campaign 2004, $6,964,846; MoveOn.org Voter Fund, $971,427; New American Optimists, $900,000; Iowa Senate 2002, $328,000; Gore/Lieberman Recount Committee, $200,000; Americans for Progress & Opportunity, $150,000.

The 527 fund-raising groups take their designation from the section of the tax code under which they were created.

Q: Can you tell me something about a Volkswagen commercial I saw several times during the Olympics? It showed a young couple driving their VW, some kind of SUV, I think, into a wilderness area and taking a picture, then returning the camera to an older woman from a tour bus. There's no conversation, just a beautiful tune with a man's voice accompanied by a guitar.

— **Dotti Connell, Watkinsville**

A: Richard Buckner is the singer. The song, from the album "Since," is "Ariel Ramirez" (after an Argentine pianist-composer).

The ad, titled "Picture," is for the VW Touareg.

It was filmed at Mount Tam in San Francisco.

Q: Can you update me on the condition of the boy who lost his arm in a shark attack in Florida a year or two ago? I've been praying for him ever since I first heard about it.

— **Walter Huntemann, Stone Mountain**

A: You're referring to Jessie Arbogast, who was 8 when the shark attack occurred on July 6, 2001, off Langdon Beach in the Gulf Islands National Seashore near Pensacola.

He was playing in the water when a 6½-foot, 200-pound bull shark took off his right arm and tore a large chunk of muscle from his right thigh, causing him to lose most of his blood. His uncle, Vance Flosenzier, rushed to his aid, grabbing the shark's tail.

Jessie's arm was retrieved from the shark's gullet and reattached by surgeons at Pensacola Baptist Hospital.

Jessie is now 11. As The Associated Press reported in July, he continues his recovery at home in Ocean Springs, Miss. He uses a wheelchair and has trouble communicating, but his aunt, Diana Flosenzier, said he's eating well and "growing like a weed." He gets homebound educational instruction and physical and speech therapy.

His parents, David and Claire Arbogast, declined to be interviewed about the attack and their son's recovery, the AP said. David Arbogast gave up his job as a tile setter three years ago to be Jessie's full-time caregiver.

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Black gay: Pride festivities empower, entertain attendees

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the law."

The city's annual Black Gay Pride weekend continues to distinguish itself from the city's Gay Pride celebration in June by focusing on activism, political education, voter registration and health issues.

Last year, the five-day event drew more than 8,000 people. This year, Pride co-chairman Michael Slaughter estimates there are 30,000 from across the country and around the world, including the United Kingdom, South Africa and Canada.

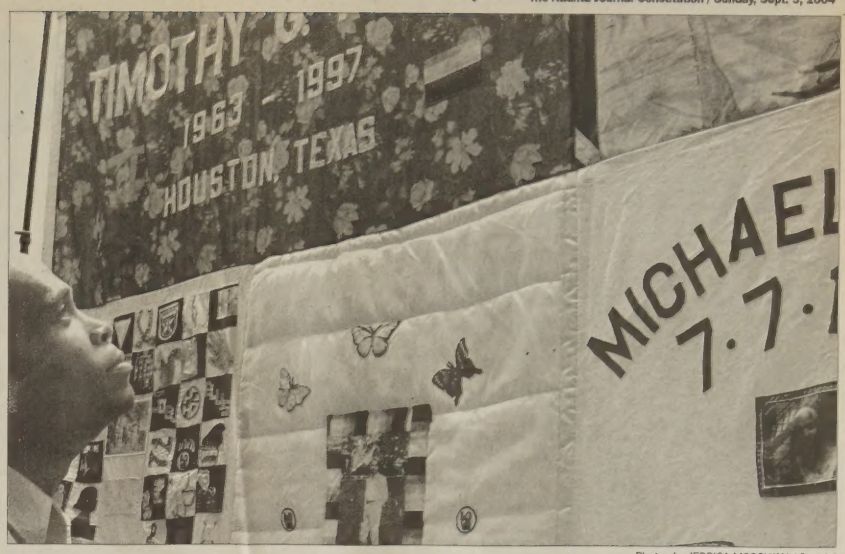
"In the African-American community, homosexuality is still a taboo subject," said Slaughter on Saturday outside the hotel's bustling seminar halls. "It is still more accepted in the African-American community to be a murderer or a drug dealer than to be gay. Coming together like this for education and fellowship can help change that."

Saturday's hot workshops included sessions on "Demystifying the 'Down Low': The Reality of Black Masculinity, Sexual Identity, and HIV Among Black Men Who Have Sex with Men" and "Keeping the Faith — Homophobia and the Black Church."

Attendee Shameka Lloyd of Washington was energized by the latter. "It is extremely uncommon to find a black church that is tolerant of homosexuals," Lloyd said. "It is one of our community's biggest problems. Our churches are supposed to embrace us all with love. For gay people, that's simply not happening. Instead, we're being condemned."

Between bouts of activism, Pride attendees did take time out for entertainment. Atlanta television director Maurice Townes was holding multiple screenings of his black gay series "The Closet" to standing-room-only crowds. DVDs of the series available for sale were being snatched up off a nearby table.

"We do realize that people want to have a good time socially, as well," Slaughter conceded, laughing.



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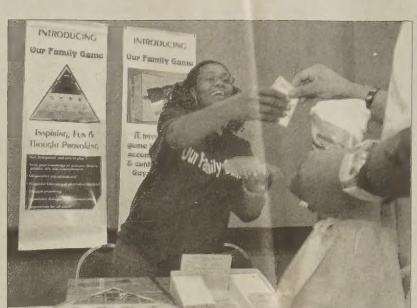
SCENES FROM 2004 BLACK GAY PRIDE

Saturday's events mixed education and fun. Nick McCoy (from top right, clockwise) of Georgians Against Discrimination reads names on a memory quilt. Linda Felix relaxes at the health fair during a reflexology treatment. Emma Johnson offers question cards in a game on achievements in the gay community.



Gwinnett police arrest rape suspect

Gwinnett County police on Saturday arrested a 25-year-old man in the kidnapping and rape of a 17-year-old girl Wednesday in Dacula.

Scott Anthony Fencil was held without bond after being charged with rape, sodomy, aggravated assault and sexual battery in the attack, according to Gwinnett jail records.

The 17-year-old was abducted from the Dacula Village Shopping Center at gunpoint Wednesday afternoon, police said.

The victim told police the attacker drove her to a construction site off Hurricane Shoals Road and sexually assaulted her. The man then took her to another location, a vacant house not far from the construction site, and raped her again, police said.

— Don Plummer

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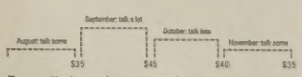

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Soulfest succeeds

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Waiting for Slick Rick to take the Soulfest stage in the Green Lot at Turner Field, Nikki Ali colors with her daughters Jaela Ali, 6, and 3-year-old Najah Ali.

Singing along with Atlanta singer-songwriter Anthony David Saturday are Hank Lucky Jr., his 15-month-old son, Hank Lucky III, and sister-in-law Melissa Jones. The two-day festival concludes today.

Happy not to be rained out, Yorkshire terrier Laila and her owner, Lawanna Brown, 28, take in Soulfest together.

Rumors, fear of washout don't spoil musical fun

By SONIA MURRAY
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The festival some whispered wouldn't happen, did.

Though Soulfest Atlanta 2004 promoters were unproven at an event of this nature, two major acts dropped out before it could even open its gates at Turner Field's Green Lot on Saturday afternoon, and the residuals of Hurricane Frances threatened a rainout, the sun greeted the thousands who casually flowed in to enjoy the daylong offerings of R&B, hip-hop and jazz.

"I'm very pleased," remarked Josh Antenucci of Rival Entertainment, the festival's promoter.

Rival was expecting 15,000 people, but while official crowd estimates were not available by deadline, organizers guessed they had missed the mark by a third.

In terms of the production, things ran pretty smoothly until rapper-actor Mos Def appeared approximately 30 minutes late. But the festival moved him off quickly enough to have the next act, R&B singer Angie Stone on stage in a timely fashion. But then she had technical difficulties starting her show.

If there were an award for the most electrifying performance of the day, it would have to go to her fellow R&B star Anthony Hamilton, who by the end of the set was in the crowd testifying about Jesus: "I love him! I love him!"

The response to Hamilton was far more enthusiastic than the reception artists got earlier in the evening.

Minutes before the official start time, Atlanta band Seek was onstage. But its audience seemed more concerned with finding a good spot on the concrete than with the laid-back acid jazz and soul the ensemble was playing.

Fellow local talent Anthony David followed and made several efforts to rouse them between songs from his "3 Chords & the Truth" CD.

"ATL, how y'all feeling out there?" the singer-songwriter asked, somewhat concerned. "Y'all still with me?"

Maybe familiarity was the problem, because when hip-hop pioneer Slick Rick sauntered on to the stage — in orange shirt, pink shorts and orange socks, no less — many were on their feet pantomiming and singing along. Barely a grumble went up when he announced that his partner on favorite rap tunes "The Show" and "LaDiDaDi," Doug E. Fresh, couldn't make it because of the hurricane.

"This is really, really, really nice," noted Alchar Gray, of Roswell, who hadn't gotten the word that her reason for coming, hip-hop superstar LL Cool J, had canceled; but she was still hanging around for R&B singer Angie Stone.

"It's like our own Essence festival and Music Midtown rolled into one," performer David said later.

For 11 years of Music Midtowns, fans of R&B and hip-hop generally have had to elbow their way into an awkward space carved out for the V-103 stage. But the Green Lot has plenty of room for the attendees and the expanse of vendors serving up festival staples like hot fish, roasted corn and the like.

Today Atlanta's own Antwan "Big Boi" Patton, of rap duo OutKast, headlines the activities, which will begin with the roundup of top contemporary gospel acts Kurt Carr and Kierra "KiKi" Sheard.

Probably just as important to some, the latest weather forecast doesn't predict rain until Monday.

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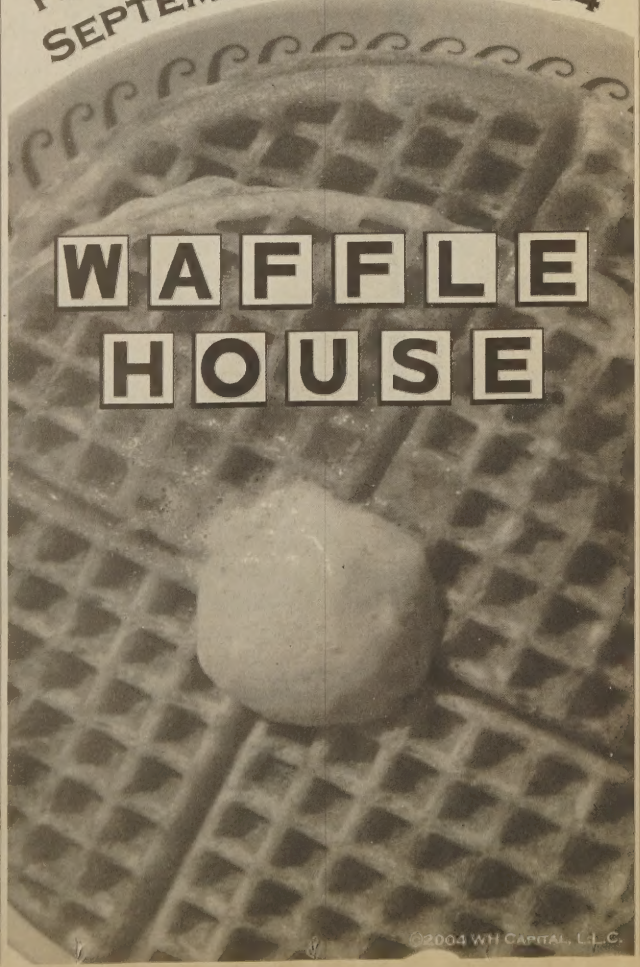

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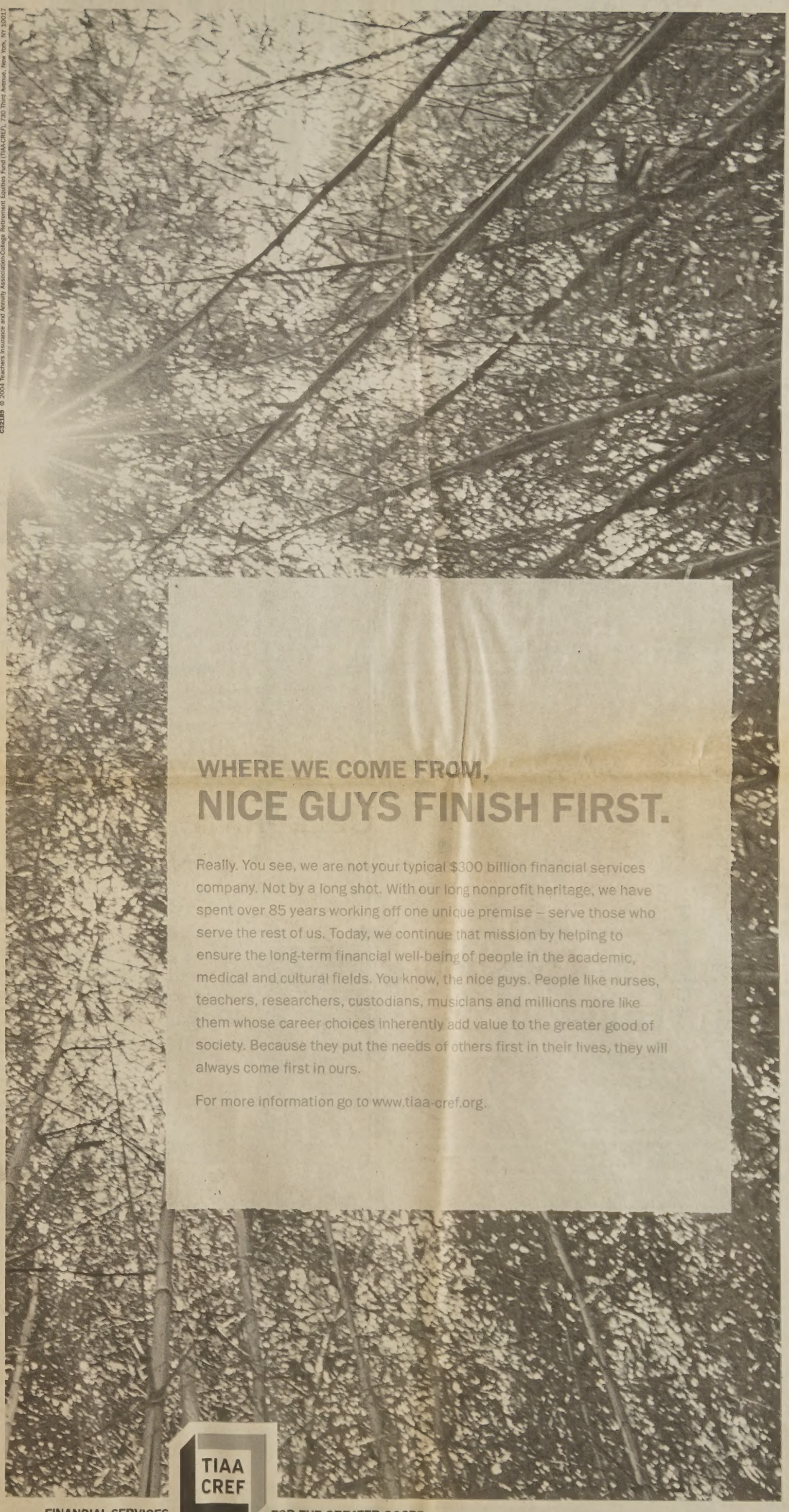
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National tourney brings Ismailis to Snellville

By BRIAN FEAGANS
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Duluth High grad Aliya Kassam sang a stirring rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Snellville Mayor Jerry Oberholtzer threw out the opening pitch.

And Lilburn resident Suleman Waliany declared "We don't have losing in our dictionary" as his Atlanta Dream Team took to the field in defense of its national title — in cricket.

Traditions old and new were on display Saturday as more than 1,000 Ismaili Muslim athletes and fans from around the country gathered for their national sports tournament at Briscoe Park in Snellville. The event, which continues today, is a coming-out party of sorts for Gwinnett's growing Ismaili community.

Dr. Abdul Ahmed, president of the Ismaili Council for the Southeast, turned to Oberholtzer at the opening ceremonies and said Ismailis would continue to enrich Snellville and the rest of Gwinnett through volunteer work at hospitals, schools and other institutions.

"We want to be exemplary U.S. citizens," he said before turning to hug the mayor.

Ismailis live in more than 25 countries around the world, from India, Pakistan and East Africa to Europe, the United States and Canada. They are a minority within the minority Shia branch of Islam and account for about 15 million of the world's more than 1 billion Muslims. The Ismailis' spiritual leader is Prince Karim Aga Khan, a billionaire philanthropist who traces his lineage to the prophet Muhammad.

It's unclear how many Ismailis live in Gwinnett, but their numbers are growing as more members of the community flock to the county's quality schools and safe neighborhoods. They are planning to break ground on a new community center off Five Forks Trickum Road next year.

Saturday morning, many of Gwinnett's Ismailis worked as volunteers. The goal, they said, is to produce a tournament worthy of its motto: "Mind, Body, Soul."

Events for athletes 16 and older included softball, soccer, tennis and, of course, cricket. Three-legged races and tug-of-war matches were on tap for families.

Asif Merchant, an 18-year-old from Orlando, didn't let Hurricane Frances stop him from representing his city's team in flag football. His family drove highways that, at times, were jammed with hurricane evacuees. After 13 hours on the road, they arrived early Friday afternoon. Much is at stake, Merchant said: namely, bragging rights within Florida's Ismaili community.

"There's a big rivalry between us and Miami," he said.

The competitive spirit thrived on the cricket fields as well, where the scoreboards tracked "overs," not periods or innings. Teammates erupted into cheers when their bowler (think pitcher, baseball fans) hit one of three wickets behind the batter. And shouts of "That's six!" rang out when batters launched one of the tape-covered tennis balls over the sidelines for six runs.

But the most important part of the tournament takes place outside the lines, several participants said.

Narmeen Ratnani, who lives on the outskirts of Duluth in Fulton County, got caught up with old friends from New York, where she used to live. And the high school senior met Parkview High grad Imran Meghji as the two watched cricket.

Ratnani said she wants to go to Georgia Tech. And Meghji, a Tech grad, told her of a campus group that meets regularly to counsel new students on the best professors and choosing a career. Meghji said he'd be glad to help her out if she enrolls as a Yellow Jacket next year.

"It's nice," Ratnani said. "I've met so many people."

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Snellville Mayor **Jerry Oberholtzer** receives a hug from an Ismaili Muslim and applause from Ismaili leader **Dr. Abdul Ahmed** at the Ismailis' national tournament in Snellville on Saturday.

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DeKalb clarifies role of next police chief

DeKalb Police Chief Eddie Moody (left) retires at the end of October. Louis Graham will succeed him, but only as acting chief at first.

Temporary pick will be hired on permanent basis

By COREY DADE
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DeKalb County officials on Saturday clarified the role of Louis Graham as the incoming interim police chief and the choice to permanently succeed outgoing Chief Eddie Moody in November.

Graham had been introduced Tuesday as Moody's replacement when he retires, but a county ordinance requires that the position first be advertised as vacant to solicit candidates.

Richard Stogner, executive assistant to DeKalb CEO Vernon Jones, said that Graham in fact will become acting chief while the vacancy is posted and will later be named Moody's successor.

Stogner added that he had inadvertently failed to identify Graham's status in the post as temporary during the job posting.

"The CEO intends to select Graham as the permanent chief from the registry of candidates," Stogner said. "That was my mistake. I didn't include 'interim' in there," Stogner said, referring to the press release announcing the appointment.

Moody's last day is Oct. 31. His retirement at age 50 sparked speculation about the circumstances of his departure. Moody's wife, Priscilla, has accused Jones of ousting her husband and sending an emissary, the Rev. Wiley Jackson Jr., to lay the groundwork by delivering threats to Moody.

Priscilla Moody claims that Jackson visited their home in August and told Moody to report to Stogner the next morning. Moody announced his retirement the following day.

Jones has denied the accusations.

Moody has declined to discuss the speculation or refute his wife's statements.

Moody appeared at Tuesday's press conference in which Jones announced Graham as the new chief. Moody praised Graham, former Fulton County police chief, as a suitable successor.

Judge goes easy on teens

2 years of probation ordered for threats

Winder — Two Barrow County teenagers will serve two years on probation for threatening to go on a killing spree at their middle school.

Juvenile Court Judge Kevin Guidry in August ordered the 14-year-old boys placed under the supervision of the state Department of Juvenile Justice for two years, but the form of supervision still needed to be determined. Guidry decided on probation instead of incarceration last week.

Police arrested the boys — who have been identified in court only by their first names, Adam and Joseph — May 14 after classmates at Russell Middle School told a school resource officer of the boys' alleged plan to kill a teacher and anyone else who got in their way on the last day of school.

Rumors of the plot frightened students and parents, leading to a 50 percent drop in attendance on the last day of school.

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Shaken: News of tragedy increases parents' anxiety

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Their daughter doesn't like all the attention. "We're not very cool parents right now, but I'm OK with that," Laura said. "It's what we have to do." She said she realized after reading about the Sandy Springs wreck that, with five children and long commutes, she and her husband had "gotten too busy to really know our children or their friends." Now, she said, they are making the time.

When children die needlessly, a community gets a sharp slap across the face, and the Sandy Springs tragedy is reverberating metrowide — in church, in school, in government, and, most significantly, in homes like the Hunters'.

At Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Sandy Springs, students have formed prayer groups for classmate Neil Patel, 16, who was seriously injured in the wreck.

Pope High School in east Cobb is still reeling from a horrible late-night crash the first week of school that badly injured several of its students — and the Sandy Springs wreck brought it all back. "It broke my heart right in half," principal Charlotte Stowers said.

Pope offers a highly regarded defensive driving course for students that was implemented after a rising senior, Kimberly Andrews, was killed in a car crash in 2002. After the latest Pope and Sandy Springs wrecks, Stowers said she would like to find a way to track the impact of the course. If it lowers the accident rate, the course might spread to other schools and school districts.

Program for parents

North Springs United Methodist Church in Sandy Springs, where Emily participated in youth ministry events, provided grief counselors for her fellow teens, a support group for parents, and is starting a program next Sunday called Parent to Parent, where adults will discuss the challenges of raising teenagers. The nondenominational program is open to anyone in the community, said the Rev. Gil McGinnis, the North Springs pastor.

"This has given us a lot of opportunity to examine who we are and what we're supposed to be doing," he said.

North Springs Methodist has a memorial fund to defray Emily's funeral costs (Information: 770-396-0844), and Capitol City Opera of Atlanta is funding a memorial scholarship on behalf of the aspiring singer, who had just begun her freshman year in the arts magnet program of North Springs High School. (Information: 404-454-6213 or www .ccityopera.com).

At McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church in Powder Springs, where the Hunters attend, youth minister Allen Richburg plans to start a support group "just to give parents a place to interact [and] learn from the mistakes others have made," he said. "One of my prayers has been that a tragedy wouldn't have to hit our church before we would awaken to the need."

State Rep. Joe Wilkinson lives less than a mile from the site of the Sandy Springs wreck, and he says he's gotten 30 to 40 calls from constituents since it happened. Wilkinson plans to introduce a package of laws in the next General Assembly that restrict teen drivers.

The likelihood of a 16-year-old driver having a wreck nearly triples when three passengers are in the car. (The 17-year-old driver in the Sandy Springs wreck had four teen passengers.) State law limits newly licensed 16-year-olds to only immediate family members in the car for the first six months. Wilkinson wants to limit non-family passengers to one in the second six months of driving.

And he would make it easier for young speeders to lose their licenses. Currently, drivers under 21 lose their license for six months if they're caught driving 24 mph over the speed limit. Wilkinson would lower the threshold to 15 mph over the limit.

But Wilkinson adds a cautionary note: "We can only legislate so much. It's also time that parents stepped up and fulfilled their responsibility."

Barbara Andrews agrees. Her daughter was the Pope High student killed in 2002 while in a caravan of friends' cars when she was supposed to be at a friend's house.

The Pope High crash three weeks ago reminded Andrews of how hard it is for parents to convince teens they're not invincible.

"Some of those kids knew Kimberly," she said.

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You should read this information before you start taking VIOXX®. Also, read the leaflet each time you refill your prescription, in case any information has changed. This leaflet provides only a summary of certain information about VIOXX. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you an additional leaflet that is written for health professionals that contains more complete information. This leaflet does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIOXX when you start taking your medicine and at regular checkups.

What is VIOXX?

VIOXX is a prescription medicine called a COX-2 selective, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID).

VIOXX is used in adults for:
- relief of the pain and inflammation (swelling and soreness) of osteoarthritis (arthritis from wear and tear on your bones and your joints)
- relief of the pain and inflammation of rheumatoid arthritis in adults (arthritis caused by a condition where your immune system attacks your joints)
- management of short-term pain
- treatment of menstrual pain (pain during women's monthly periods)
- treatment of migraine headache attacks with or without aura.

VIOXX has not been studied in children under the age of 18.

Who should not take VIOXX?

Do not take VIOXX if you:
- have had an allergic reaction such as asthma attacks (wheezing), hives, or swelling of the throat and face to aspirin or other medicines called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). There are many NSAID medicines. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for a list of medicines that contain NSAIDs if you are not sure.
- are allergic to rofecoxib, the active ingredient of VIOXX, or to any other ingredients in VIOXX. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in VIOXX.

What should I tell my doctor before and during treatment with VIOXX?

Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions including if you have or have had:
- an allergic reaction to aspirin or other NSAIDs
- asthma (a small number of patients with asthma have reactions to aspirin or other NSAIDs)
- stomach problems such as ulcers or bleeding
- kidney disease
- liver disease
- angina (chest pain), a heart attack, or a blocked artery in your heart
- heart failure
- high blood pressure

Tell your doctor if you are:
- pregnant or plan to become pregnant. VIOXX may harm your unborn baby. If you take it in late pregnancy. If you take VIOXX while you are pregnant, ask your doctor how you can be on the VIOXX Pregnancy Registry.
- breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if VIOXX passes into your milk and if it can harm your baby. You should discuss with your doctor whether or not to take VIOXX if you are breast-feeding.

Tell your doctor about:
- any other medical problems or allergies you have now or have had.
- all the medicines you take including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Tell your doctor right away if you develop:
- serious stomach problems such as ulcer or bleeding symptoms (for instance, stomach burning, vomiting blood, or if there is blood in your bowel movement or it is black and sticky like tar, which are signs of possible stomach bleeding).
- unexplained weight gain or swelling of the legs, feet, and/or hands.
- skin rash or allergic reactions. If you have a severe allergic reaction, get medical help right away.

How should I take VIOXX?
- Take VIOXX exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Your dose will depend on the condition being treated and other medical problems you may have. Do not change your dose of VIOXX or take extra doses unless your doctor has told you to.
- You can take VIOXX with or without food.
- If you miss a dose of VIOXX by a few hours, take it as soon as you remember. If it is close to your next dose, do NOT take the missed dose.
- If you take too much VIOXX, call your doctor, pharmacist, or poison control center right away.

Can I take VIOXX with other medicines?

Tell your doctor about all of the other medicines you are taking or plan to take while you are on VIOXX, even other medicines that you can get without a prescription, including vitamins and herbal supplements. VIOXX and certain other medicines can affect each other causing serious side effects. Keep a list of the medicines you take. Show the list to your doctors and pharmacists each time you get a new medicine. They will tell you if it is safe to take VIOXX with other medicines. Your doctor may want to check that your medicines are working properly together. Especially tell your doctor if you are taking:
- or have taken warfarin (Coumadin®) or any other similar blood thinner within the past 10 days
- theophylline (a medicine used to treat asthma)
- rifampin (an antibiotic)
- ACE inhibitors (medicines used for high blood pressure and heart failure)
- lithium (a medicine used to treat a certain type of depression).

VIOXX cannot take the place of aspirin for prevention of heart attack or stroke. If you take both aspirin and VIOXX, you may have a higher chance of serious stomach problems than if you take VIOXX alone. If you are taking aspirin for prevention of heart attack or stroke, you should not stop taking aspirin without talking to your doctor.

What are the possible side effects of VIOXX?

Serious but rare side effects that have been reported in patients taking VIOXX and/or related medicines have included:
- Serious allergic reactions including swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and/or throat which may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, hives, wheezing, or shock (loss of blood pressure and consciousness) can occur. These may require treatment right away. Severe skin reactions have also been reported.
- Serious stomach problems, such as stomach and intestinal bleeding, can occur with or without warning symptoms. These problems, if severe, could lead to hospitalization or death. Although this happens rarely, you should watch for signs (for instance, stomach burning, vomiting blood, or if there is blood in your bowel movement or it is black and sticky like tar) that you may have this serious side effect and tell your doctor right away.
- Heart attacks and other serious events, such as blood clots in your body, have been reported in patients taking VIOXX.
- Serious kidney problems can occur, including acute (sudden) kidney failure and worsening of chronic kidney failure.
- Severe liver problems, including hepatitis, jaundice and liver failure, can occur in patients taking NSAIDs, including VIOXX. Tell your doctor if you develop symptoms of liver problems. These include nausea, tiredness, itching, pain in the right upper abdomen, yellow skin or eyes, and flu-like symptoms.

Your doctor may do blood tests and check you for problems that may happen during treatment with VIOXX.

In addition, the following side effects have been reported: anxiety, blurred vision, colitis, confusion, constipation, decreased levels of sodium in the blood, depression, fluid in the lungs, hair loss, hallucinations, increased levels of potassium in the blood, insomnia, low blood cell counts, menstrual disorder, palpitations, pancreatitis, ringing in the ears, severe increase in blood pressure, skin reactions caused by sunlight, tingling sensation, unusual headache with stiff neck (aseptic meningitis), vertigo, worsening of epilepsy.

More common, but less serious side effects reported with VIOXX have included the following:

Respiratory infections
Headache
Dizziness
Diarrhea
Nausea, vomiting and upset stomach
Heartburn
Stomach pain
Swelling of the legs and/or feet
High blood pressure
Back pain
Tiredness
Urinary tract infection.

These are not all the side effects reported with VIOXX. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor or pharmacist can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects. Any time you have a medical problem you think may be related to VIOXX, talk to your doctor.

How should I store VIOXX?
- Store VIOXX at room temperature, 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).
- Safely throw away VIOXX that is out of date or no longer needed.
- Keep VIOXX and all medicines out of the reach of children.

What else should I know about VIOXX?

This leaflet provides a summary of certain information about VIOXX. If you have any questions or concerns about VIOXX, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, pain or migraine attacks, talk to your health professional. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you an additional leaflet that is written for health professionals. This leaflet is also available at www.vioxx.com.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions other than those described in patient information leaflets. Do not use VIOXX for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give VIOXX to other people even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

What are the ingredients in VIOXX?

Active ingredient: rofecoxib

Inactive ingredients:

Oral suspension: citric acid (monohydrate), sodium citrate (dihydrate), sorbitol solution, strawberry flavor, xanthan gum, sodium methylparaben, sodium propylparaben.

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Peanut program's end boosts Southeast crops

By JEFFREY McMURRAY
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Washington — Ask a peanut farmer whether the overhaul of the decades-old quota system has been good for business, and the answer will probably depend on the location of the farm.

According to a study by the University of Georgia's National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, six of the eight largest peanut-growing states have seen either a dramatic increase or decrease in the acreage devoted to the crop since Congress scrapped the peanut quota system as part of the 2002 farm bill.

The Southeastern states of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina — where amply watered land provides ideal conditions for peanuts — saw major boosts in the last two years. Less traditional and drier peanut territories, such as Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia, reported big declines.

There was also a modest reduction in the Alabama and North Carolina acres devoted to the crop, although the trend indicates these states soon could catch up to their pre-2002 totals.

"With the change in the program, many were predicting doom and gloom, that the peanut industry would just die out," said Stanley, Fletcher, coordinator of the University of Georgia center. "That has not happened."

Lawmakers who represent some of the largest peanut districts led the charge for an end to the program, which since the Great Depression guaranteed lofty sale prices for certain quota holders.

The 2002 farm bill modestly compensated quota holders for giving up their ticket to sell the crop at a government-guaranteed price. That sent many longtime peanut farmers out of the business and many new ones into it.

The result, says Bob Redding, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission, is the land best suited for peanuts has prospered most, providing a better product at better prices.

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He says a flurry of new peanut products, such as peanut candies and peanut butter-and-jelly lunch pockets, proves the industry is on the upswing.

"The proof is in the product," Redding said. "Peanut farmers in Georgia and the Southeast are planting more acres of peanuts, and there is a bigger national demand. We are getting more and more competitive in the world market."

Georgia, the largest peanut-producing state, reported 614,250 acres devoted to peanuts in 2004 compared with an average of 521,268 acres for 1998 through 2001 — an 18 percent increase.

Florida saw a 47 percent jump, but the most extreme increase came in South Carolina, which in 2004 nearly tripled its pre-farm bill average, from 11,057 acres to 33,083.

Much of South Carolina's gain came at the expense of Virginia, whose acreage fell 57 percent, and North Carolina, which dropped 40 percent.

But the biggest hit was endured in the Southwest. Oklahoma reported the country's steepest decline in peanut acreage, from 83,338 before the farm bill to 31,233 after it — 63 percent overall.

Texas, the second-largest peanut state after Georgia, saw a 40 percent drop — 390,899 acres to 233,823.

Dan Hunter, manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers, says the acreage decline in his region doesn't tell the whole story. Because of a shift to better irrigated land, farmers are typically able to grow more peanuts on the acreage than was the case under the quota program. And, if peanuts prove unprofitable, there's always cotton as a fallback.

"You're in a situation where the majority of the peanuts are being grown in cotton areas," Hunter said. "When peanut prices are good and cotton prices are great, they're going to grow cotton. That's the flexibility the farm bill gives them."

On a national level, peanut acreage is down 8 percent in 2004 compared to the three-year average before the farm bill. However, the trend has been positive. Acreage is up 5.6 percent since 2003 and 4.2 percent since 2002.

Not everyone was convinced. Terrell County, Ga., farmer Wilbur Gamble, an outspoken critic of the peanut program changes, says lifelong quota holders got the short end of the stick. For 20 years, he says he planted between 1,200 and 1,500 acres of peanuts. In 2004, he planted 150 acres.

"I still contend that from a profitability standpoint, it was much more profitable under the old program than the new program," Gamble said. "The person who had quota earlier certainly is not better off now than he was then."

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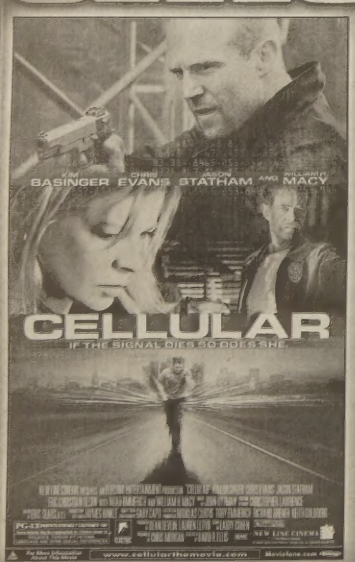

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Trainee Latricea Mosley hooks up an electronic device to an automobile at the Hank Aaron BMW dealership in Union City.

Minority students steered to cars

By GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press

Atlanta — Latricea Mosley stands in an expansive auto technician's bay, confidently describing how to replace catalytic converters and tweak high-tech seat sensors. A steady stream of acronyms dot the 22-year-old's explanations, indicative of the pages-long list of abbreviations she had to memorize for her latest test.

Mosley and six other students are about to graduate from MetroSTEP, a paid training program that alternates would-be technicians between the classroom and the service departments of Georgia BMW dealerships.

The program is one of several nationwide efforts, some aided by big-name athletes like baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron and former Washington Redskins lineman George Starke, to steer minorities toward careers in the automotive industry.

For years, car manufacturers have offered months-long unpaid training programs to recruit and retain some of the most talented mechanics in the field.

The MetroSTEP program specifically targets minority students, offering paid internships to those who otherwise couldn't afford to take seven months off for intensive training.

When the students graduate from the program, they're guaranteed jobs at a dealership that can earn them almost $40,000 a year.

"It's not a career to sneeze at," said Russ Lucas, a BMW regional sales manager.

Motivated by the growing number of cars on American roads, the automotive industry is looking for ways to bolster the number of auto mechanics. The U.S. Labor Department says the number of graduates from automotive programs doesn't come close to meeting the growing demand for mechanics.

BMW alone expects to hire 1,500 technicians in the South over the next three years.

Lucas saw a need for recruitment, especially of minority mechanics.

And Aaron, now a BMW dealer, said he was concerned with the lack of minorities in the business before he encouraged BMW to start the MetroSTEP program in 2002.

Many of the jobs require extensive training. These days, technicians often double as computer programmers, and some cars pack many high-tech devices under the hood.

"The job takes strong diagnostic skills, strong computer skills. You're really looking for an analytical student who can probe and dig and understand the functionality of the different aspects of a car," said Larry Cummings, the president of Automotive Youth Educational Systems

Former Redskins lineman Starke started the Excel Institute in Washington to train students for careers in the automotive industry because his city lacked a trade school that developed good technicians.

"Even if we had a good tech school, they're not going to go into the ghetto and take a bunch of guys that got locked up," Starke said. "We do. We aggressively recruit people that other folks would say cannot become technicians."

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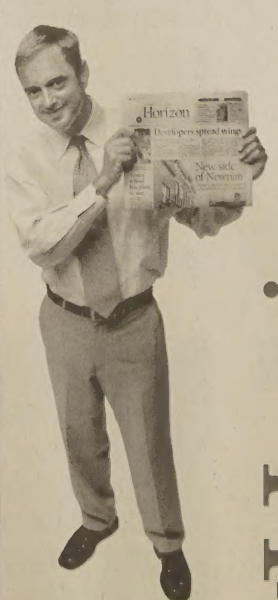

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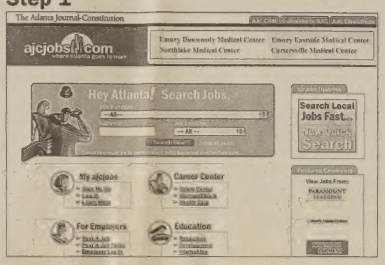

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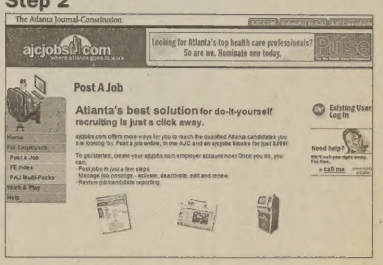
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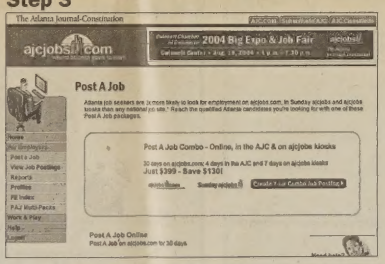
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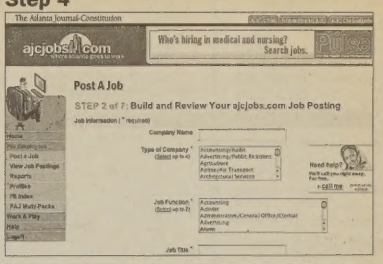

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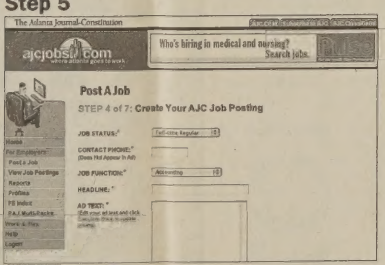

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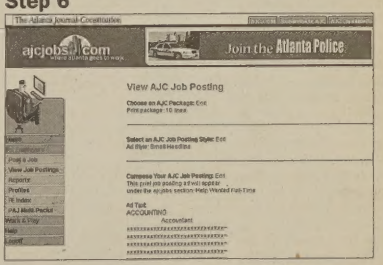

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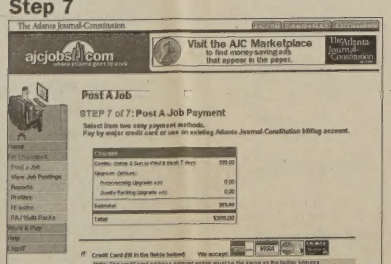
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Gap: Lakeland shows school shortfall

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single Advanced Placement course — in studio art, not academics — to students who hope to go on to college. By comparison, many metro Atlanta high schools offer a dozen or more AP classes.

The missing components in Lanier are essential for a complete education, Raines and county school officials say, but unaffordable for a South Georgia community with a meager tax base.

Whether the state has a responsibility to be more generous to make up for the gaps is a question that Lanier and other tax-poor systems are prepared to force. The consortium of about 50, mostly rural, counties is prepared to sue the state for a greater share of its education dollars.

In the meantime, Lanier is making do.

For high school students, that means using lockers that were bought at a discount from Jacksonville — and eventually repainted from Florida-orange to Georgia-red.

For Raines, it means recycling pickle buckets from the cafeteria to store clay. Or getting on the phone to lobby college admission officers on behalf of her students, who may not have been exposed to as many mediums as their competitors in more affluent schools.

A few years ago, she sat on a state committee that looked at a required arts curriculum, and provided a reality check to metro Atlanta counterparts who wanted things like color photo labs in every high school.

"Excuse me," she recalled saying. "We don't have a photography class."

The problem rests with an aspect of small-town life that many residents find appealing — unspoiled surroundings that, unfortunately, also produce little in the way of taxes for education.

CHARLOTTE B. TEAGLE / Staff

Lanier County high and middle schools share a campus in Lakeland. They and similar rural schools often lack the facilities and curricula that schools in metro Atlanta take for granted.

Lanier is 25 miles north of Florida, occupying a low-lying area flecked with cypress stands and cotton fields. The Alapaha River cuts south through the county. At the turn of the century, it had an agricultural mill and an assembly plant that produced Ford Model-Ts.

Some willingness to tax

Now, one of the largest employers is the school system.

The county seat is Lakeland, where the commercial center has a few small businesses, including a car dealership, a florist, a butcher and a five-and-dime. The small, intimate nature of the community is appealing to Superintendent Eloise Sorrell, who grew up here and graduated from its high school in 1971. When she drives around town, people stop and ask her about her sons, now in college. The community of 7,000 wants small schools, she said.

And in its modest way, it has consistently supported education.

Unlike many of the rural school systems crying out for more state money, Lanier has set a tax rate that is fairly high. The property tax rate for schools is now $17.16 for each $1,000 of property value — a rate that is lower than most in metro Atlanta, but much higher than many in rural Georgia.

But because the tax base is so small, the tax rate doesn't generate much. In Lanier, for example, one mill produced about $48 per student. In development-rich Cobb County, one mill generated around $114 per student.

Similarly, the Lanier sales tax doesn't produce much by metro standards, but the penny increase recently renewed by county voters should provide needed classroom space over the next several years.

Still, the operating dollars remain tight, particularly because the state does not fully pay for positions in specialty areas, including art, physical education and music. So, items like an arts program for the middle school, competitive pay for teachers and rigorous, AP courses in core academic subjects like history and math go by the wayside.

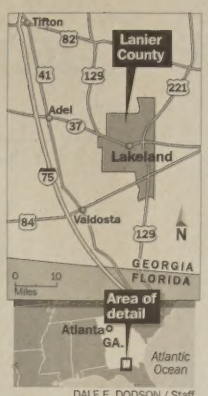
Lawsuit forces issue

By joining the consortium that is preparing to sue the state, Lanier hopes to gain the kind of assistance that could provide programs that suburban Atlanta parents and students take for granted.

"We're giving our students the best education we possibly can," Sorrell said. "We have some students who are going on to higher education, and being competitive. We want more students who can do that."

Some students say they know what they're missing.

Valdosta is a 25-minute drive away, and there are surrounding counties that are larger and have some industry. These systems can provide things like school plays and drama classes.



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Josh Magallanes, 18, wistfully remembers a freshman year spent in Cook County in South Georgia off I-75, where he participated in a range of drama activities, including Shakespeare. "I was Puck in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' "

Now, he wants to act again once he leaves Lanier, he hopes, for college. He feels he's been shortchanged and worries that his application to an art school in Maryland may pale in comparison to other students.

"They could have had so many more opportunities than I've had," said Magallanes, a senior.

One line item in the schools budget that Lanier will not shred is athletics. The high school, with its 400 students, is one of the smallest in Georgia that supports a football team. One of the leading families in town owns a sod farm and donated grass for the playing field. Now in its sixth year, the football team hasn't had much recent success on the field.

The Bulldogs went 4-5, with one tie. But the team has given the small town something to cheer about.

Because time is short for students, Sorrell supports the lawsuit — even as a state task force meets to consider rural school finances.

"We don't have a choice," she said. "It forces the issue. Unless someone complains loudly about it, unless you're the person it's affecting, it tends to be ignored."

Lawsuit: More state funds sought

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small-town systems had tax rates below 15 mills, and some millages were below 10, according to Department of Revenue figures.

A mill — one-tenth of a penny — brings far more money to metro Atlanta districts than to those in rural Georgia because metro property values are higher.

Source of annoyance

But the low rates themselves annoy lawmakers and school officials here.

"It's crazy to ask people living in a district that pays 18 mills to subsidize people who pay 9 mills," House Education Chairman Bob Holmes (D-Atlanta) said. "There is a sense still that Atlanta can take care of itself and the rest of the state and [that] the rest of the state doesn't have to bite the bullet and raise its taxes."

Frank Petruzielo, superintendent of Cherokee County schools, is concerned that property owners there will have to pay more to fund low-tax rural systems.

"I think the people who are making these demands obviously don't have the same amount of interest and enthusiasm to demand their local taxpayers give at the office, like ours do," Petruzielo said. "It's easier to blame the [state] funding formula or ask those with more property wealth to share."

State budget cuts the past two years have forced many rural systems to raise their tax rates, although only a handful have reached 18 mills. A few of the rural districts also have local-option sales taxes that supplement their regular funding.

"Some districts need to go up on their tax rates," said Joe Martin, a former Atlanta school board president who has helped a group of rural systems build their legal case. But in many poor counties, increasing tax rates won't bring in enough money to provide adequate schooling, Martin noted.

"The legal side is, even if a local board of education fails in its responsibility, the state still has a constitutional obligation to make sure those students receive an adequate education," he said.

Some low-tax districts have been reluctant to join the consortium of systems preparing to sue the state because they fear the courts or lawmakers will force them to raise their rates.

"I am really skeptical about getting into it for that reason," said Dodge County Superintendent Aubrey Corbitt, whose system has a tax rate of 9.7 mills. "The property tax is a very unpopular tax."

Dozens of states have faced similar suits across the country since the California Supreme Court ruled about 30 years ago that the state's method of funding schools was unconstitutional.

At the same time as Georgia will be defending itself in court, a task force put together by Gov. Sonny Perdue, a native of Houston County in Middle Georgia, will work on overhauling the current school funding formula.

Equity formula sought

Rural school officials have been pushing for years to change the state formula, which is based on student enrollment. They argue that it is much tougher for them to raise money locally from property taxes to supplement the funds they receive from the state.

To compensate, some states have raised sales taxes or other taxes.

In Georgia, lawmakers have responded by providing extra money to poorer districts through equity grants and a low-wealth construction fund. But many rural superintendents argue that the difference between the haves and the have-nots has widened.

The state pumps about $6 billion a year into public schools. To increase funding for the rural districts would require more money, because lawmakers would not decrease funding for fast-growing metro Atlanta districts to make up the difference.

Petruzielo points out that his system already sends $22 million to the state: Wealthier districts pay more money into the funding pot.

"In the vast majority of metro districts, they are exporting many of those tax dollars, and the rural districts filing the lawsuits are the recipients of those dollars," he said.

Fear of raising taxes

Rates have remained low in rural districts for a variety of reasons, Martin said. In farming communities, raising tax rates hurts people who make a living off the land. Superintendents and school boards worry that locals will replace them if they hike taxes. And, Martin acknowledges, a racial angle is in play in some districts: A white power structure doesn't want to pour money into schools attended mostly by black children.

Corbitt said his district has been able to provide a quality education with a low tax rate by managing costs, using many part-time teachers and passing a 1 percent local option sales tax for new facilities.

"It's like I do at my house: I watch the light bill, I watch the water bill. I ask, 'Do we really need extra books this year?' " he said. "Our kids don't suffer academically. We teach five foreign languages at Dodge County High School."

State Rep. Kathy Ashe (D-Atlanta), a member of the House Education Committee, said former Gov. Roy Barnes' education reform package created incentives for low-tax districts to raise their millages by promising more state funding. "I don't think that's worked, totally," she said.

Rep. Fran Millar (R-Dunwoody), like many other Atlanta-area legislators, is sympathetic to the plight of rural schools and knows the state has a responsibility to help educate all of Georgia's children. But he noted that Georgia has 180 school districts, including some with enrollments smaller than a suburban Atlanta high school.

"If you're going to look for more money out of the metropolitan area, then you'd better look at some consolidation of some of these rural schools to get their tax base up," Millar said. "I'm sorry if we eliminate some of these Friday night football games. But the metro area cannot continue raising taxes. There is no blood left in the turnip."

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OBITUARIES

DULUTH

Winnie Cain Corley, 91, 'Angel of Sweetwater'

By DERRICK HENRY
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Winnie Cain Corley was a builder, a baker, a caterer and a funeral home attendant. But she was best known in Gwinnett County as a preservationist.

When the last member of the historic Sweetwater Primitive Baptist Church on Pleasant Hill Road died about 30 years ago, Mrs. Corley led a grass-roots campaign to preserve the church and its cemetery, which includes the remains of Confederate soldiers, Revolutionary War veterans, slaves, Indians, Mrs. Corley's parents — and now Mrs. Corley.

Through her efforts, the property — which is between Duluth and Lawrenceville — was accorded nonprofit status in 1974. Mrs. Corley tended both the chapel and cemetery for many years. She also worked with the Sons of the Confederacy to relocate the Landers-Cain House to the chapel grounds in 1996. That house, built in about 1824, had been home to Confederate soldier Eli P. Landers and Mrs. Corley's first husband, Leonard Cain.

Sweetwater Memorial Chapel is now used for wedding receptions, family reunions and corporate events, as is the Payne-Corley House in Duluth, where Mrs. Corley lived with her second husband. The house was built in about 1873.

For her good works, Mrs. Corley became known as the Angel of Sweetwater.

"She was a mother figure to a lot of people around here," said Bill Head of Lilburn, owner of funeral homes in Duluth and Lilburn. "Every one called her Mama Winnie."

Mrs. Corley, 91, of Duluth died Thursday of heart failure at Medical Arts Health Facility in Lawrenceville. The funeral was Saturday. Bill Head Funeral Home, Duluth Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

PAM PROUTY / Staff

Winnie Cain Corley is pictured in 1999 in front of the relocated Landers-Cain house.

Mrs. Corley grew up on a farm in Gwinnett County, the 12th of 13 children. At 17, she ran away from home and married Mr. Cain. He was a house builder, and Mrs. Corley became a partner in his business. She kept the books and supervised construction work.

In the late 1960s, Mrs. Corley concurrently ran a catering business with her niece, Ann Adams. She was active well into her 80s.

"When she was close to 80, she had a heart attack while dancing and was rushed to the hospital," said her granddaughter, Marcia Mussman of Lawrenceville. "She was back on the dance floor two weeks later."

Mr. Cain died in 1980. About a year later, Mrs. Corley married childhood sweetheart Minor Corley, a Gwinnett County commissioner who owned a tractor company. He died in 1991.

Beginning in the mid-1990s, she worked as an attendant for the Bill Head Funeral Home. "She helped arrange flowers and assisted the director," said Mr. Head. "If she knew we were busy, she would would bring us ham and biscuits and cake. Her rum cake didn't spare the rum."

Mrs. Corley was celebrated for her culinary art. "We loved her fried pies and biscuits and her chicken and dressing and her Friendship Cake," her granddaughter said. "She always had a cake to take to someone."

Whatever the men brought home, Mrs. Corley learned to prepare. A Heritage cookbook compiled by Duluth women led off with her possum dinner recipe. In a 1997 Atlanta Journal-Constitution story, Mrs. Corley recalled cooking a crane. "I never saw so many pieces of neck," she said.

"My grandmother loved to quilt, to dance, to fish, to go to casinos," said her granddaughter. "She loved life."

Survivors include two sons, Robert Cain of Lawrenceville and Kenneth Cain of Grayson; a daughter, Hannah Shafer of Lawrenceville; a brother, Dorsey Guthrie of Jefferson; seven other grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorial gifts go to the Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, c/o Jean Gammage, 3204 Still Meadow Lane, Buford, GA 30519.

LONDON

Sir Alastair Morton, developer of Eurotunnel

Sir Alastair Morton, who played a key role in the building of the Channel tunnel between England and France, has died, his family said. He was 66.

Mr. Morton, who died Wednesday of a heart attack, became co-chairman of Eurotunnel in 1987 and served as group chief executive from 1990 until 1994, when the undersea link opened.

Mr. Morton brought a sharp mind and an explosive temper to a task which many thought would be impossible: to complete the 31-mile tunnel entirely with private funding, as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher insisted.

The construction cost of $18 billion was double the original estimate. Mr. Morton, who saw himself as representing the small shareholders in Eurotunnel, battled with the banks which financed the project and with Transmanche-Link, the consortium of construction companies which did the work.

Born in South Africa, Mr. Morton attended college in Britain and remained there for most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

— Associated Press

COLUMBUS, MISS.

A. Temple, black pilot

Alva Temple, one of the Tuskegee Airmen who became the nation's first black military pilots, died Saturday. He was 86.

Mr. Temple went to Alabama A&M to pursue a degree in agricultural education. He transferred in 1941 to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where, 11 months before the United States was forced into World War II, he submitted an application for pilot training. He was rejected on the grounds that the military, which was segregated, had no separate facilities for training black pilots.

In July 1941, the Army Air Force began a program to train black pilots. Mr. Temple graduated and became a pilot and 2nd lieutenant in 1943. He completed 120 missions in World War II and stayed in the Air Force for 20 years.

He was promoted to command pilot and served in Tennessee, Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois and abroad in Munich, Germany, retiring in 1962.

— Associated Press

NEW YORK STATE

S. Neubardt, touted pill

Dr. Selig Neubardt, an obstetrician and gynecologist and an author who was a prominent early advocate for birth control and safe abortion, died on Aug. 24 in White Plains, N.Y. He was 78 and lived in New Rochelle, N.Y.

The cause was pneumonia, said a son, Dr. Seth Neubardt, a spinal surgeon at White Plains Hospital Center, where his father died.

Dr. Neubardt had a private gynecological practice in New Rochelle for four decades but developed a larger profile through his books, articles and television appearances.

His 1967 book, "A Concept of Contraception," was intended as an upbeat guide to encourage men and women to consider birth control.

During that period, Dr. Neubardt wrote articles for Cosmopolitan magazine promoting contraception and the birth control pill and describing procedures for abortion.

— New York Times

CONNECTICUT

A. Hanson, art historian

Anne Coffin Hanson, an art historian and curator and the first woman to be hired as a full tenured professor at Yale, died Friday at her home in New Haven, Conn. She was 82.

Ms. Hanson was an authority on European art of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, specifically the works of Edouard Manet and the Italian Futurists.

During more than two decades at Yale she also organized and wrote catalogs for numerous exhibitions at the Yale University Art Gallery.

Her best-known book was "Manet and the Modern Tradition" (Yale, 1977), which won the Charles Rufus Morey Award for art history scholarship.

In 1971, shortly after being hired at Yale, Ms. Hanson was the plaintiff in a suit to admit women on the Yale faculty to Mory's, the all-male eating club. Mory's lost its liquor license in 1972 and admitted women in 1974.

— New York Times

OKLAHOMA CITY

F. Theriault, broke code

Frederic Russell Theriault, a cryptanalyst who helped break the code used by the Japanese navy during World War II, died Sept.1 of a heart attack at an assisted living facility in Oklahoma City where he had been living for the past few months. He was 89.

He was a longtime resident of Maryland.

Dr. Theriault was born in Boston and received bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts. He received his doctorate in 1942 from the same institution.

After his World War II codebreaking, he worked for the National Security Agency until 1977. He never told his family what he did there, but mentioned that he was the NSA officer on duty the night of April 12, 1961, when the Soviets launched Vostok 1, the first flight of a human into space.

— The Washington Post

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ATLANTA

ALFRED COLLIER JR., 66, died Thursday. Funeral plans will be announced by Mapp-Gilmore Pyramid Funeral Service, Madison.

VERNA ERWIN, 93, died Aug. 26. The body was cremated. Memorial service, 3 p.m. Saturday, North Decatur United Methodist Church, Cremation Society of the South.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

MILDRED CHAMBERLAIN, 90, of Canton died Thursday. The body was cremated. No services planned. Cremation Society of the South.

CLYDE B. RAPER, 77, of Woodstock died Saturday. The body was cremated. Memorial service, 11a.m. Monday, Sosebee Funeral Home.

LEE ROY RAY, 59, of Acworth died Thursday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Monday, Medford-Peden Funeral Home.

COBB COUNTY

GLENN JOYNER, 70, of Smyrna died Friday. The body was cremated. Memorial service, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Parrott Funeral Home.

FRANCIS L. MULLINS, 93, of Smyrna died Friday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Monday, Higgins & Son Funeral Home.

THOMAS J. MULLONEY, 49, of Austell died Wednesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced by Cremation Society of the South.

LIVVIA NESBITT, 88, of Powder Springs died Friday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced by Cremation Society of the South.

DOROTHY RUTH TATUM, 79, of Mableton died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Davis Struempf Funeral Home.

COWETA COUNTY

ANN HALL DYE, 82, of Newnan died Friday. Graveside service, 1 p.m. Monday, Forest Lawn Memorial Park; McKoon Funeral Home.

DEKALB COUNTY

HALLIE CLEO BROWN, 84, of Stone Mountain died Wednesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced by Cremation Society of the South.

STEVEN E. SPEER, 48, of Tucker died Wednesday . The body was cremated. A private service is planned; Cremation Society of the South.

JALEN LARONZIWELCHER, infant son of Ericka and Corey Welcher of Stone Mountain, died Wednesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced by Cremation Society of the South.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

GLENDA JONES, 59, of Douglasville died Saturday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven.

ROLLIE H. STAGG, 62, of Douglasville died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven.

FAYETTE COUNTY

JAMES AUBREY LANIER, 76, of Fayetteville died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Carl J. Mowell and Son, Fayetteville.

FULTON COUNTY

IRMA MORENO MEJIA, 54, of Palmetto died Friday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Wednesday, J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home.

GWINNETT COUNTY

JAMES T. BENNETT SR., 66, of Snellville died Saturday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Tom M. Wages, Snellville Chapel.

GEORGIA

OLIN BERVE BLOCKER JR., 88, of Chamblee died Saturday. The body was donated to Emory University School of Medicine. No service is planned.

ANDA BURKE, 24, of Athens died July 18. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced by Cremation Society of the South.

JUDITH SHARON CARSON, 57, of Armuchee, Fulton county native, died Thursday. Funeral, 2:30 p.m. today, Fred Talley's Parkview Chapel Funeral Home.

JOSEPH CREGAR, 17, of Commerce died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Monday, Little-Ward Funeral Home.

ROBERT ERWIN DUNCAN, 73, of Clarkesville died Thursday. Graveside service, 2 p.m. today, Clarkesville City Cemetery; Whitfield Funeral Home, North Chapel, Demorest.

MAMIE LOU DRAKE HOLCOMB, 86, of Commerce died Saturday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Monday, Commerce First Baptist Church; Ivie Funeral Home.

EUNICE JEWELL KOGER JOHNSON, 90, of Rossville died Thursday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Lane Funeral Home.

ANNICE JONES, 59, of Buchanan died Saturday. Funeral, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, White Columns Chapel, Lithia Springs.

LILLIE LANGFORD, 78, of Commerce died Friday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced by Little-Ward Funeral Home.

PARMER EARL PARKER, 67, of Talapoosa died Friday. Funeral, 4p.m. today, Providence Baptist Church; Miller Funeral Home.

GLADYS SANFORD, 76, of Ellijay died Saturday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Monday, Bernhardt Funeral Home.

ED STAMEY, 90, of Batesville Community, Clarkesville, died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Providence Baptist Church; Hillside Memorial Chapel.

LOIS WALL STOWE, 67, of Monroe died Friday. Funeral, 3:30 p.m. today, Alcovy Mountain Baptist Church; Arthur Bowick Funeral Directors, Monroe.

ELLA KERCE SULLINS, 82, of Rome, a Fulton county native, died Thursday. Funeral, 4 p.m. today, Jennings Funeral Home.

GARY A. THEIS JR., 35, of Dalton died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Ponders Funeral Home.

ROBERT MARIET VICKERY, 89, a Hart county native of Shoal Creek Community, Lavonia, died Friday. Funeral, 3 p.m. today, Hamby Funeral Home.

JIMMY THOMAS WATT, 74, of Lavonia, a Franklin county native, died Friday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Monday, Hamby Funeral Home.

BRENDA ROACH WORLEY, 57, of Calhoun died Friday. Funeral, 3 p.m. today, Trinity Baptist Church; Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home.

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ALLEN, Della
Mrs. Della Mae Allen of 2201 Burroughs Ave. SE Atlanta passed Thursday, September 2, 2004. Arrangements announced later. Goolsby Mortuary, (404) 588-0128.
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AVERY, Charles
Mr. Charles Raymond Avery, age 65, of Alpharetta, died August 31, 2004. He is survived by wife Nancy Avery, Cumming, daughters and son-in-law, Tracy & Paul Miller, Ash, NC; Donna and Robert Rosen, Los Angeles, CA; son, Chuck Avery, Alpharetta; grandchildren, Curtis, Tyler and Heather Miller, Ash, NC; Conner Rosen, Los Angeles, CA; sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Frank Leak, Pat and Dwight Leak, Arab, AL; Dot and Joel Porter, Alpharetta; brother and sister-in-law, Howard "Runt" and Barbara Avery, Cumming; sister-in-law, Mae Avery, Cleveland, GA. Several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services Monday September 6, 2004 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Louie E. Jones Funeral Home. Rev. James Bud Sutton. Rev. J.W. Watson officiating. Interment, Greenlawn Cemetery. Louie E. Jones Funeral Home. (770)475-6554
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BENNETT, James
James T. Bennett, Sr., age 66 of Snellville, GA, died September 4, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Shirley Bennett; daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Clint Berey of Dacula; April and Josh Cockrell of Lawrenceville; sons and daughter-in-law, James T. Bennett, Jr., of Snellville; John O. & Donna Bennett of Dacula; sisters and brothers-in-law, Yvonne and Charles Taylor of Snellville; Deborah and Rev. Russell Davis of Monroe; grandchildren, Tiffany, Tim, Jason, Jake, Brandon, Elizabeth, Jackson; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Bennett was a member of White Oak Baptist Church. He retired from IBEW Local Union #613 and was very active in the Boy Scouts of America. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at Wages Snellville Chapel, with Rev. Mark Sterling officiating. Interment will follow at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2 until 4 and 6 until 8 p.m. and Monday from 6 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Tom M. Wages Funeral Services, Inc., Snellville Chapel, 770-979-3200.
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BUECHNER, Evelyn
Evelyn Buechner, 93, passed away September 1. She was a resident of the Briarcliff Oaks community where she lived on her own. She is survived by her son Donald E. Buechner and wife Eileen Locsin-Buechner of Hawaii Kai, Hawaii, 8 grandchildren, David and Jennifer Buechner, Linda and Mark Kelly, Thomas Buechner, Michael and Mary Buechner, Laura and Daniel Holmes, Robert and Ismary Buechner, Christopher and KC-Reeves Buechner and 16 great-grandchildren, Lauren and Katie Buechner, Eric, Nicholas, Sarah, and Meghan Kelly, Zack, Connor and Mickey Buechner, Rebecca, Emily and Ryan Holmes, Lisette, Jessica and Adalie Buechner, Mercer Buechner, and Donnie Locsin-Buechner. She was married to Joseph Buechner (passed in 1972) and lived in the area known as "The Hill" and later in Kirkwood in St. Louis, MO. Her other son, Robert passed in 1998. The family will receive visitors Monday at 6:00 to 7:00 at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall. Funeral mass at 7:00 p.m. Donations can be made in her memory to Hospice Atlanta. Arrangements by Lowndes & McLane Funeral Home, Tucker (770) 491-3021.
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CHEATWOOD, Patsy
Mrs. Patsy Cheatwood of Fayetteville died September 3, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Preston Cheatwood. She is survived by her son, Josh Cheatwood, Atlanta; daughter, Amanda Cheatwood, Fayetteville; granddaughter, Sydney Wagner, Fayetteville; parents, Wyatt and Duane Moore, Fayetteville; brother, Jamie and Alice Moore, Niceville, FL. Mrs. Cheatwood worked as a registered nurse for 15 years. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Mowell Funeral Home. Rev. Barry Thompson and Rev. Hugh Kirby will officiate. Interment Camp Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lupus Foundation of America, 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 710, Washington, D.C. 20036. Carl J. Mowell & Son Fayetteville.
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CRAIG, Luvina

Luvina Camp Craig, 86, of Bremen, GA, formerly of Villa Rica, died September 2, 2004. She was born in Carroll County on March 12, 1918, the daughter of the late Noah Benjamin Camp and the late Martha Ellen Martin Camp. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Jenkins and a son, Thurman Craig. She is survived by two sisters, Louise Hunt of Fairburn and Lona Mae McCain of Bremen; three brothers, Arthur Camp of Covington; John Camp of Alabama, and Newman Camp of Bremen; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Cynthia and Temple Lewis of Locust Grove; Chuck and Debbie Jenkins of Stockbridge; Nathan Jenkins of Locust Grove; Denise and Richard Champion of McDonough; Kerry and Michelle Jenkins of McDonough; Randy Craig of Douglasville; Mark Craig of Alabama, and Brett and Jessica Craig of Villa Rica; 27 great grandchildren, three great great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mrs. Craig will be held Sunday, September 5, 2004, at 1:30 PM. from the Chapel of the J. Hoyt Thomas Funeral Home with the Rev. John Meadows officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, College Park. J. Hoyt Thomas Funeral Home, Villa Rica 770-459-3676.
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DAUGHERTY, Willa
Funeral services for Willa Nell Rhodes Daugherty, 2 p.m. TODAY in the Donehoo-Lewis Chapel. Interment, Hillcrest Cemetery. Donehoo-Lewis Funeral Home, Hapeville. 404-761-2171
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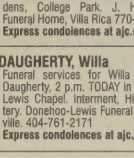

JAMES WILLIAM "Bill" DAVIS
James William "Bill" Davis, 86, of Dunwoody died September 3, 2004. Born November 30, 1917 near Sullivan, Indiana to Charles Nicholas and Bertha Yeager Davis. Mr. Davis worked for Texaco in the sales/operations department for 32 years, last 10 years in Atlanta. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Maggie May Davis, son and daughter in law, James Michael and Carolyn Davis, San Antonio, Texas, son, Charles Willard Davis, Kailua, Hawaii, sister, Constance McLin, Blissfield, Michigan, four grandsons and two great grandchildren. The family will receive friends Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 at H. M. Patterson & Son Oglethorpe Hill Chapel. Mr. Davis will then be taken to Danny Holmes Memorial Chapel, Sullivan, Indiana for services and interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Carlisle, Indiana. H. M. Patterson & Son, Oglethorpe Hill Chapel 4550 Peachtree Rd. 404 261 3510
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DYE, ANN
Mrs. Ann Hall Dye, age 82, of Newnan, died Friday, September 3, 2004 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was born on August 8, 1922 in Thomaston, Georgia to the late William Thomas and Mattie Bell Hall. Upon graduation from Robert E. Lee High School in 1939, she went to work for the Thomaston Rural Coop. In 1946, she took the job of setting up the accounting system for the Upsonia Fayette EMC in Newnan. It was in Newnan that she met and married her husband, Arthur Hugh "Buster" Dye. They married in 1948 and Mrs. Dye worked as the bookkeeper for several of her husband's lumber companies, including Hardwoods of Georgia in Fayetteville and Tallapoosa. Later, Mrs. Dye was associated with the drafting department of the R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, where she designed and drafted water tanks and towers. After this company was sold, she took a job as an accountant for the transportation department of the Coweta County School System. It was from this position she retired in 1984. Mrs. Dye was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Newnan where she taught children's sunday School for many years. She was also a leader of her children's Boy and Girl Scout Troops. Surviving her are her husband of 56 years, Arthur Hugh Dye; a son Larry Hugh Dye and his wife Janis of Roswell, GA; a daughter, Angela Dye Friedell and her husband Ronald of Columbia, SC; three grandchildren, Arthur Hugh Dyelll, Zachary Michael Friedell, and Brian Michael Dye; one great-granddaughter, Alicia Faith Dye; one sister, Cordelia Lingold of Savannah, GA. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Dye was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Ryals, and her brothers, Tommy Hall and Everette Hall. The funeral service for Mrs. Dye will be conducted on Monday, September 6th at 1:00 PM at the graveside at Forest Lawn Memorial Park with Dr. Gene Tyre officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Dye's memory to the CURE FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH, 695 BROOKFIELD PKWY. ROSWELL, GA 30075. McKoon Funeral Home, 770-253-4580.
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GLENNY, Harry
Harry Leon Glenny, III, of Gainesville died September 2, 2004. Predeceased by Harry Leon Glenny, Jr. and Hortense Burnham Glenny. Survived by wife, Margaret R. Glenny; children, Sean Glenny and wife Patty, Scott Glenny, Elizabeth Aquilina and husband Mario, Cathie Cupp and husband Steve, and Deborah Norman. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren. Harry worked for General Motors, Genuine Parts, Napa, Anderson Merchandising. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, September 7 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Gainesville. Burial will be at Memorial Park S., Gainesville. Please make donations to the Myelodysplasia Foundation in lieu of sending flowers. National Cremation Society, 770-923-2940.
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HARRISON, Arlene
Mrs. Arlene Harrison, born February 13, 1914, age 90 of Cumming, died Saturday, September 4, 2004. Mrs. Harrison was a member of Brookwood Baptist Church for 77 years. She was part owner of H.C. Harrison Store. Mrs. Harrison was preceded in death by husband, Herschel C. Harrison, parents, Fred and Dooley (Scales) Vaughan, and sister, Elnora M. Vaughan. Survivors include sister in law, Louise Shirley, Alpharetta; sister in law and brother in law, Betty and Bill Southard, Cumming; nephews, Allen Southard, Cumming; Charles Shirley, South GA; Larry Harrison, Alpharetta; nieces, Margaret Southard, Cumming; Norma Southard, Cumming; Sandra Martin, Alpharetta; and a number of cousins and other relatives also survive. Funeral services will be held Monday, September 6, 2004, 2:00 p.m. Brookwood Baptist Church. Remains will be placed in state at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Johnnie Purcell, Rev. Doug Carnes, Rev. Don Westray, Rev. Ralph Bagwell, Rev. Donnie Nix officiating. Interment to follow in Brookwood Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Ingram Funeral Home on Saturday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 2:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ingram Funeral Home, Cumming, Georgia, in charge of arrangements.
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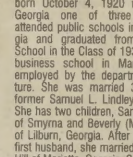
HILL, Blanche



MRS. BLANCHE GROOVER HILL
Mrs. Blanche Groover Hill passed away Friday September 3, 2004 at Emory Adventist Smyrna Hospital. Blanche was born October 4, 1920 in Cobb County Georgia one of three children. She attended public schools in Marietta, Georgia and graduated from Marietta High School in the Class of 1938. She attended business school in Marietta, and was employed by the department of Agriculture. She was married 37 years to the former Samuel L. Lindley, Jr. of Smyrna. She has two children, Samuel P. Lindley III of Smyrna and Beverly (Mrs. John) Kalter of Lilburn, Georgia. After the death of her first husband, she married Douglas Payton Hill of Marietta, Georgia. She is survived by her husband Payton: children Sam and Sara Lindley, and John and Beverly Kalter. Her sister Wylene Groover Haney of Perry, GA; Grandson Travis Lindley, her granddaughter Christie; her step daughters Judy Hill Karas of Fredericksburg, VA; Alicia Hill Ramee of Jacksonville, FL; her step granddaughter Heather Hill Ray of Adairsville, GA and numerous step grandchildren as well as step great grandchildren. She has been a resident of Smyrna, Georgia for over 60 years. Blanche was an ardent bridge player and was a charter member of her Club, which was organized 40 years ago. She was an avid gardener; she loved flowers and wild life-she was a collector and had over 55 birdhouses. She was a 25 year member of the Smyrna First United Methodist church and formerly attended the First Baptist Church and Sunday School with her children. She was a Brownie Scout Leader and participated in other local civic activities. Funeral service will be held 11:00 A.M. Tuesday from the Chapel of Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna with the Rev. Barbara Hatchell officiating. Burial will be in Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive Friends from 5-7 PM. Sunday at the Funeral Home.
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HOWINGTON, Howard
Howard N. Howington 91, of Norcross passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2004. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 5, 2004 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home, Norcross, GA. Funeral Services will be held Monday, September 6, 2004 at 1:00 PM at Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel, Norcross. Interment will follow in Peachtree Memorial Park. Mr. Howington was retired from General Motors Lakewood Plant and a longtime Norcross businessman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Louree Howington. Mr. Howington is survived by his son Jackie (Jack) Howington of Norcross, GA; and his daughters: Peggy and Frank Waters of Norcross, GA; Patsy Thompson of Norcross, GA; Nancy Howington of Atlanta, GA; Debra Howington Hayes of Duluth, GA. Also surviving are grandchildren: Vickie and Gene Baggett of Cape Coral, FL; Jonny and Natalyn Thompson of Buford, GA. Great-grandchildren: Cody, Sara and Tyler Thompson, all of Buford, GA; Melissa Amanda and Casey Baggett of Cape Coral, FL. Great-great-grandchildren: Jade and Joshua Hornstein of Cape Coral, FL. One brother, Robert Howington of Auburn, AL. Three sisters: Zelma Wood of Sharpsburg, GA; Mary Page of Winder, GA; and Emma Robinson of Loganville, GA. Arrangements by Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home, Norcross, 770-448-5757. Information and online condolence at www.crowellbrothers.com.
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HOLT, Basil
Mr. Basil Holt of Decatur, GA passed September 4, 2004. Service announced later by Gregory B. Levett & Sons, Inc., South Dekalb Chapel(404)241-5656.
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HOWARD, Kathy

KATHY MEEHAN BUERO HOWARD
Kathy Meehan Buero Howard, 60, of Marietta died September 2, 2004. A native of Brooklyn, New York, she had made her home here in Atlanta for the past ten years. A nurse, she was a counselor with the state of Georgia who enjoyed working with and helping others in the community. Kathy was a loving mother, sister, and friend and is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Drew Buero, Frank Buero, Jr., Stephen and Ashley Dixon Buero, Jerrod Howard, Jr.; and brother and sister-in-law, Paul J. and Christine Meehan of Boston, MA. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, September 7th at four o'clock at Oglethorpe Hill. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Kathy Meehan Buero Howard to City of Hope Cooper Finkel Women's Health Center, Breast Center, at cityofhope.org or 1500 E Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010. Share thoughts, express tributes, and offer condolences by visiting www.mem.com. The family will receive friends Monday afternoon from two until four o'clock and Tuesday from three to four hours before service at H. M. Patterson & Son Oglethorpe Hill, 4550 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30319, (404) 261-3510.
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JACKSON, Corrine
Mrs. Corrine H. Jackson of Atlanta, GA, passed September 3, 2004. Her funeral will be announced by Gus Thornhill's Funeral Home, Inc. (404)768-2993-4.
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JARVIS, Flora
Mrs. Flora Jarvis formerly of 3431 Dale Lane, SW, Atlanta, passed away September 4, 2004. Funeral arrangements announced later. Sellers Bros. Inc. 404-522-6924.
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JOHNSON, Walter
Walter S. Johnson, III, 48 of Dunwoody, died September 2, 2004. He is survived his parents, Walter Johnson and Barbara Johnson, brother, Richard Johnson and his wife Lynn, sisters, Susan Cobucci and her husband Danny, Cynthia Barranco and her husband Mark, Sandra Campagnolo and her husband Brian. Service of Remembrance will be held Tuesday, September 7, 11 A.M. Wages & Sons Gwinnett Chapel, 1031 Lawrenceville Hwy. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society or The American Heart Association. Wages & Sons, (770) 469-9811.
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JOY, Willie
"Willie Lee Skiles Joy, 94, of Sun City Center, Florida died September 1, 2004. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, September 9, at Lowndes and McLane Funeral Home, Tucker, Georgia, with burial in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Tucker, Georgia. Visitation will be at 10:00 A.M. at the funeral home. Mrs. Joy was born February 18, 1910, in Gilmerton, Virginia, daughter of the late Luther Milton Skiles and Lizzie Amelia Reber Skiles. She married the late Arthur C. Joy (Sr.), September 5, 1931, in Portsmouth, Virginia. She has been a resident of Sun City Center since 2002, and previously resided in Columbus, Georgia, and Atlanta, Georgia. She was a member of Edgewood United Methodist Church, Columbus, Georgia, and was a member of the women's auxiliary of the Gideons International. Survivors include two sons, Arthur C. Joy, Jr. (Judy) of Sun City Center, Florida; and J. David Joy (Deborah) of Clanton, Alabama; a daughter, Carol Joy (Mrs. Edward D.) Miller of Columbus, Georgia; ten grandchildren, and step-grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. "In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., 1501 NW 9th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136-1494, or to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee 37214-0800, or to Life Path Hospice, 3010 West Azeele Street, Tampa, Florida 33609." Lowndes & McLane Funeral Home (770) 491-3021.
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LANIER, James
Mr. James Aubrey Lanier, 76, of Fayetteville, passed away September 3, 2004. Funeral services will be held TODAY at 2:00 p.m., chapel of Carl J. Mowell & Son. Interment Westminster Memorial Gardens. Carl J. Mowell & Son, Fayetteville.
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McLAUGHLIN, Jewell
Jewell Bunn McLaughlin, "Pat" to all who knew her, died peacefully at her Decatur, home on Thursday, September 2, 2004. She was born January 25, 1910 in Emmanuel County. Pat and her late husband Jewell McLaughlin raised their son, the late Jay McLaughlin in Decatur, surrounded by close friends and family. She was a devoted mother and then grandmother to her granddaughter, Kelley McLaughlin who survives her and resides in Decatur. Pat was well loved by everyone who knew her for her genuinely kind nature and fun loving attitude. She was open hearted and generous and is already remembered for the special twinkle in her eyes. She is survived by granddaughter Kelly McLaughlin, her sister, Madelle McCollum of Albany, GA; brother, Ralph Bunn of Athens, GA as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She leaves the world a better place. A memorial will be held in her honor on Sunday, September 12, 2004, 12:30 at Crestlawn Memorial Park, 2000 Marietta Blvd., NW, Atlanta, GA. 30318. There will be a gathering afterwards at the home of her niece, Martha McCollum Tate. Wages & Sons, 770-469-9811.
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MILLIKAN, Mona
Mona M. Millikan of Atlanta, passed. Services announced later by Grissom-Eastlake Funeral Home, 227 East Lake Dr. (at Memorial Dr.) 404-373-3191.
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NIXON, Mildred
Mrs. Mildred Eliza Nixon, age 96 of Cottage Lane, Carrollton, passed away Friday, September 3, 2004 at her residence. She was born May 10, 1908 in Bowdon, GA. Mrs. Nixon attended Bowdon College and graduated from Georgia State University. She was an elementary teacher for over 40 years in Fulton County and Atlanta public schools. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Mildred loved gardening, quilting, lacemaking almost as much as she did entertaining family and friends. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Preston Nixon, her identical twin sister, Mabel Walls, a sister, Myrtle Nixon Nunnelley, and brother, Albert E. Nixon. Survivors include a daughter, Sara Anne Towery of Asbury Park, NJ; a son, George Nixon of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; granddaughters, Terri Towery of Los Angeles, CA; Deidrie Towery of Oakland, CA; and Mikell Towery of Asbury Park, NJ. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, September 6, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. from Carrollton First United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday, September 6, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. The body will lie in state at Carrollton First United Methodist Church, 206 Newnan Street, from 2 until the hour of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carrollton First United Methodist Church, 206 Newnan Street, Carrollton, Georgia 30117. Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel of Carrollton has charge of the arrangements.
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OWENS, Chablis
Mr. Chablis Owens of Dacula, GA, passed August 25, 2004. Willie A. Watkins Funeral Home, (Family Owned and Operted) 404-758-1731.
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POLLARD, Evelyn
The Homegoing for Ms. Evelyn Pollard will be held Monday, September 6, 2004 at 12:00 noon at Walker Chapel 3548 Boulder Park Dr. Atlanta. Her remains will lie in state from 11:00 a.m. until the hour of service. Family and friends are asked to assemble at 7062 Oakhill Cir. Austell, GA at 11:00 a.m. Viewing today from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Harris Ward & Webb Ellison Funeral Home, 1661 Joy Lake Rd. Morrow, GA (404) 363-1999.
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RIDGEWAY, Sara
Sara C. Austin Ridgeway, age 83 of McDonough, a lifelong resident of Henry County passed away September 3, 2004. She was born in McDonough, GA, on October 24, 1920 to the late Ruth Craig and Jim David Austin and was a member of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ridgeway, daughter, Beverly Jean Ridgeway, and her brother, James Arthur Austin. She is survived by her sister in law, Ann P. Austin, niece and nephew, Barbara Ann & Charles Davis, great nieces, great nephew, great great nieces and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 6, 2004 at Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors with Dr. Mark Outlaw officiating. Interment will follow at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Those who wish may make donations to the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church Building Fund. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Those who wish may sign the on line guest registry at www.cannon-cleveland.com. Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors. 770-914-1414.
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STARR, Hattie
Mrs. Hattie Lee Newsome Starr passed away at home Saturday, September 4, 2004 after an extended illness. Earlier this year, she buried her husband of 66 years, James Thurman Starr; their daughter, Patricia JaneStarr died at the age of 2 and son Robert Earnest (Bob) Starr passed away in 2002. Hattie Lee was born in Palmetto and raised in East Point with five sisters and two brothers. She and Thurman lived in Forest Park and Jonesboro area of Clayton County their entire married lives and were both lifelong members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jonesboro. She was a manager over hotels for the Howard Johnson chains prior to retirement. Hattie Lee is survived by daughters, Reona Mcdonald and Molly Gordon, her granddaughters, Tracy and Mike Cook and Michelle Starr, great grandchildren, Dusty Holloway, Amanda Holloway, Alexander Barker; her daughter in law, Janet Starr, granddaughters, Lisa and Joey Rowe, Leslie and Phillip Sprattlin, great grandchildren, Matthew Baker, Dylan Rowe, and Victoria, Hannah and Rebekah Spratlin, several brothers in law, sisters in law, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11:00 from the chapel. Rev. Ken Dunbar and Rev. Chris Reynolds officiating. Interment Mt. Zion Baptist Cemetery. Family will receive friends Sunday, 4 to 6 and Monday 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas L. Scroggs Funeral Directors, Southside Chapel, 6362 South Lee St., Morrow, GA. 770-961-2826.
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SYKES, Violette
Mrs. Violette Sykes of Stone Mountain, GA, passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2004. Her service will be announced by Donald Trimble Mortuary Inc. 1876 Second Avenue, 404-371-0772-3.
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TARVER, Jasmine
Little Miss Jasmine Tarver of Lithonia, GA, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William (Joy) Tarver passed September 3, 2004. Services announced later by Gregory B. Levett & Sons, Inc. South Dekalb Chapel(404)241-5656.
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TURNER, Pamela
Pamela K. Turner of Atlanta passed on to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, September 3, 2004. She is survived by her son, Gary D. Turner of Sherwood, OR; sister, Karen Grace of Snellville, GA. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 6th in the chapel of A. S. Turner & Sons. Ernesto Fernandez will officiate. Interment Arlington Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Monday at A. S. Turner & Sons.
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WHITLEY, Robert
Mr. Robert H. Whitley, Sr. of Decatur, GA, passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2004. His services will be announced by Donald Trimble Mortuary, Inc. 1876 Second Avenue, 404-371-0772-3.
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WATSON, Edna
Mrs. Edna B. Watson of Palmetto, died September 2, 2004. She is survived by her sister, Helen B. Bowen, Palmetto; niece, Lucy Bowen; nephew, Larry and Candy Bowen; great nephew, Russell (Bo) Bowen; several cousins. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 2 o'clock at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home. Rev. Ralph Bobo and Rev. Tom Edwards officiating. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those desiring may send an on-line condolence at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family received friends Friday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at Parrott Funeral Home, Fairburn. 770-964-4800.
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WILBURN, Melissa
Ms. Melissa Wilburn of Decatur, GA passed September 3, 2004. Service announced later by Gregory B. Levett & Sons, Inc., Avondale-Scottdale Chapel(404)294-5500.
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WILCOX, Larry
Larry (Lawrence L.) Wilcox, age 70, passed at his home in Jonesboro, GA on September 2, 2004. He was retired from the Graphic Arts Industry. He is survived by his wife Pat Riddle Wilcox, and sons, Dennis Wilcox, and Scott Wilcox, and daughter, Kathy Osbourne, stepsons Michel Bayne, and Greg Bayne, stepdaughter, Andrea Ham. He has 13 granddaughters and 7 grandsons. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to: St. Joseph's Outreach Fund c/o St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 1865 Highway 20 East (Conyers Road) McDonough, Georgia 30253. A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 5, 2004 at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church at 3:00 PM. The Cremation Society of The SOUTH is in charge of arrangements, 770-420-5557.
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WOODS, Margaret
Margaret "Dottie" Stepp Woods, 84, died on September 3, 2004 at United Peachtree Christian Hospice after a valiant fight with pneumonia. Dottie was born on August 2, 1920 in Hendersonville, NC, the youngest of Dexter and Nancy Jane Stepp's nine children. Raise in Hendersonville, she spent some time as a young woman in Washington, DC with her older sister, Alice. During WWII, Dottie took a job at the local hospital where she met a young Navy Lieutnant, Joe Bryce Woods. The couple married on October 24, 1944. They originally setteled in Asheville, NC, and later moved to Jacksonville, FL before finally settling in Atlanta in the 1950's. Dottie worked occasionally as a Dietitician for local companies such as John Deere and local schools such as Woodward Elementary. In later years she enjoyed working as a Receptionist at her son David's business, Swedish Automotive in Norcross. Dottie's skills as a cook were well known and loved by her family and friends. She was famous for her homemade yeast rolls. Lovingly prepared at 4:00 AM in order to rise in time for dinner and her sand tart cookies. Dottie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 51 years, Bryce. She is survived by three children: Joe B. Woods, Jr. and wife, Constance of Duluth; Samuel David Woods of Duluth; and Ellen Sorensen of Middleburg, FL; four grandchildren: Tracey W. Bowman of Buford, GA; Kelly W. Hoffner of Effort, PA; and Marilyn Wilbanks and Robert Wilbanks of Middleburg, FL; two great-granddaughters: Leila Ann Bowman and Amelia Grace Bowman; and her sister, Alice S. Wrightson of Silver Spring, MD. Graveside Services will be held at Peachtree Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel on Sunday, September 5, 2004 at 3:00 PM. Arrangements by *Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel*, 770-448-5757. Information and online condolence at www.crowellbrothers.com.
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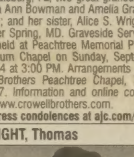
WRIGHT, Thomas



THOMAS POINDEXTER LONEY
Thomas Poindexter Loney Wright, 86, of Atlanta died September 3, 2004. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Wright. Surviving are his daughter and sons in law, Jan and Wejun Robinson of Lookout Mountain, GA, April and Phil Harris of Marietta, GA, and Grace Wright of Atlanta, grandchildren, Cammy Robinson, Tommy Robinson and Wrigley Harris. Private family services will be held later. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice Atlanta, 1244 Park Vista Dr., Atlanta, GA 30319. H. M. Patterson & Son Oglethorpe Hill Chapel 4550 Peachtree Rd.
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